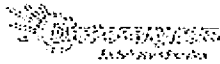


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-noun

- the interaction of elements that when combined produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements, contributions, etc.
- the joint action of agents, as drugs, that when taken together increase each other's effectiveness (contrasted with **ANTAGONISM**).
- Theology*, the doctrine that the human will cooperates with the Holy Ghost in the work of regeneration.

Compare **MONERGISM**.

Origin:

1755-65; < **HL** *synergismus* < Gk *synerg(ós)* working together (*syn-* + *érg(on)* work + *-os* adj. suffix) + **HL** *-ismus* -ISM

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n.

- Synergy.**
- Christianity** The doctrine that individual salvation is achieved through a combination of human will and divine grace.

[New Latin *synergismus*, from Greek *sunergos*, *working together*: *sun-*, *syn-* + *ergon*, *work*; see *verg-* in Indo-European roots.]

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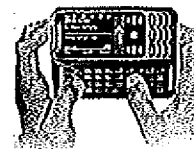
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